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Benton Becker, DOB 2/22/38, SSN 218-34-5541, was interviewed on 2/10/98, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. Also present was Trial Attorney [redacted] of the Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section. After being advised of the identities of the interviewers and the nature of the interview, Becker voluntarily provided the following:

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Becker was asked if [redacted] ever told him that if the money for the National Policy Forum (NPF) loan was originating in Hong Kong that the transaction could not go through. Becker stated that [redacted] never said that to him. Becker added that if he had said that he would have stopped the transaction. Becker added that there was no where else for the money for [redacted] in US to be coming from except from the parent corporation in Hong Kong, and he stated that everybody who was involved in any way in the NPF loan knew that. Becker was asked if he ever told [redacted] that the [redacted] US Corporation had their own assets and he stated "absolutely no." Benton added that his recollection is that at some time and place he and [redacted] discussed the [redacted] in US Corporation and the Hong Kong Corporation and the relationship between the two. Becker stated that he also recalled telling [redacted] that the US Corporation was a dormant corporation and that they had no assets. Becker stated that at no time did he ever lie and tell [redacted] that [redacted] US had their own assets.

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Becker said if [redacted] had told him that if the money is coming from Hong Kong the transaction is not going through he would have remembered that and would have withdrawn from the transaction. [redacted] was reluctant to go into the transaction. [redacted] would have leaped out of the transaction if given an opportunity. Becker further added that [redacted] would have speedily gotten out of the transaction and Becker would have been congratulated for getting him out of the deal. No one ever said to him anything concerning the NPF loan being not appropriate or illegal, and if anyone ever said that they had a conversation with him wherein Becker said that the money was coming from anywhere other than Hong Kong, their statement is absolutely false.

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